

4179. Misbranding of "Radway's Sarsaparillian." U. S. v. Radway & Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 6312. I. S. No. 7961-e.)

On July 20, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Radway & Co., a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on December 17, 1912, from the State of New York into the State of Ohio, of a quantity of "Radway's Sarsaparillian" which was misbranded. The article was labeled: (On carton) "Radway's Sarsaparillian (Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. No. 537.) The combination of this principle with Pareira Brava, and with other remedial agents of extraordinary virtues for Purifying and Enriching the Blood, Known only to ourselves, forms Sarsaparillian Resolvent A Great Remedy for curing Chronic Diseases and imparting The Vigor of Life to the Sick. Alcohol, 16.5 per cent. Radway & Co., New York. Directions General Dose. Adults—From a tea- to a dessert-spoonful. Infants of 1 year 5 drops. Infants of 6 years 10 drops. Infants of 10 years 15 drops. Infants of 15 years 20 drops. Repeated three times a day, half an hour after each meal. The dose can be increased or diminished, according to the symptoms of the patient. Keep the bottle in the box, to prevent exposure to light. (See directions inside)" (On sides of carton) "Sarsaparillian!" (On back of carton) Printed in foreign language. (On wrapper) "R R R Guaranteed under Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. No. 537. Radway's Renovating Resolvent for the Cure of Chronic Diseases, such as Scrofulous, Syphilitic, Bladder and Kidney Complaints, Consumption, Bronchitis & Other Affections of the Lungs & Throat Indurations and Enlargement of Parts, Neuralgia Eruptive and Various Diseases of the Skin. Alcohol 16.5 per cent. Radway & Co. New York. Price One Dollar Copyright Secured." (On side of wrapper) "Sarsaparillian." (On opposite side of wrapper) "Sarsaparilla." (Blown in bottle) "Radway's Sarsaparillian Resolvent R. R. R. Entd. Accord To Act of Congress." The pamphlet or circular accompanying the article contained, among other things, the following statements: "R. R. R. Directions for Using Dr. Radway's Remedies. * * * That the reader may the more readily determine the dose and remedy required, we have arranged the more general ailments and diseases in alphabetical order. Previous to which we introduce to the reader a brief explanation of the special curative properties of each of the R. R. R. remedies. * * * "Sarsaparillian Resolvent. It is called Resolvent because it possesses properties that resolve, discuss, and melt away hard substances, such as Tumors, Nodes, Hard Swellings, Lumps, Concretions—either Biliary or Calculous, in the Joints, Gall-Duct, Kidneys, Bladder, Groin, Testes, etc. * * * The name of this remedial agent illustrates its properties. As the Ready Relief is a Specialty for Acute, Inflammatory, and Active Ailments, the Sarsaparillian is a Special Curative for all Chronic and Passive Diseases, either inoculated or inherited. * * * "Syphilis—either primary or secondary, Syphilitic Ulcers, Nodes, Swellings, Tumors, Hard Lumps, Ulcerated and Sore Throat—either from syphilitic virus or Mercury, Sore Eyes, Sore Nose, Sore Mouths, Cankers, Cancers, Strumous Discharges from the Ears, Nose, or Eyes, Sore Legs; all varieties of Skin Diseases, Salt Rheum, Herpes, Ring-Worm, Tetters, Rash, Pustules, Pimples, Sycosis, Acne, Ladies' Complaints." "Leucorrhœa, Falling of the Womb, Ulcers, Tumors, Nodes, and all Uterine difficulties." "Kidney Complaints, Ulceration, Tubercles, and Grubs in the Kidneys, Weakness, Paralysis, and Inflammation in the Bladder, Diabetes, Gravel, Calculus, Concretions, Brick-Dust, Albuminous, White Bone-Dust De-

posits, Morbid or Turbid Urine. * * * "Anemia (Bloodlessness).—This condition or habit of system is common. Ladies who have suffered a long time with leucorrhœa and other drains from the system, chlorosis, weakness, etc., a dessertspoonful of Resolvent, three times a day, good nourishing diet, and, if the liver is out of order, Radway's Pills, in doses to regulate. Two to four must be taken in these cases. The food is converted into water, and ladies will find that their catamenia is of pale straw color. Sarsaparillian Resolvent is a sure cure. Injections of salt water into the vagina, and a build-up diet."

An analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted essentially of a hydroalcoholic solution of sugar, potassium iodid, arsenic, a trace of alkaloids, amygdalin and other plant substances; alcohol, by specific gravity, 14.9 per cent; ash, 0.67 per cent; arsenic, 0.005 per cent; iodine (combined), 0.57 per cent; total solids, 14.6 per cent.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the following statement descriptive of the therapeutic or curative effects of the said article, appearing on the label of the wrapper aforesaid, to wit, "Radway's Renovating Resolvent for the Cure of Chronic Diseases, such as * * * Consumption * * *," was false and fraudulent in that the same was applied to said article knowingly and in disregard of its truth or falsity so as to represent falsely and fraudulently to the purchasers thereof, and create in the minds of purchasers thereof the impression and belief, that it was in whole or in part composed of, or contained, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, for the cure of consumption; when, in truth and in fact, said article was not in whole or in part composed of, and did not contain, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, for the cure of consumption. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements regarding the therapeutic or curative effects of the said article, appearing in the circular or pamphlet aforesaid, to wit, "* * * we introduce to the readers a brief explanation of the special curative properties of each of the R. R. R. Remedies. * * *" "Sarsaparillian Resolvent. It is called Resolvent because it possesses properties that resolve, discuss, and melt away hard substances, such as * * * Concretions—either Biliary or Calculous, in the Joints, Gall-Duct, Kidneys, Bladder, * * * The name of this remedial agent illustrates its properties. * * * the Sarsaparillian is a Special Curative for all Chronic and Passive Diseases, either inoculated or inherited. * * *," "* * * Cancers * * * all varieties of Skin Diseases, Salt Rheum, Herpes, Ring-worm, Tetters * * * Sycosis, * * *" "Leucorrhœa, Falling of the Womb * * * and all Uterine difficulties." "* * * Tubercles, * * * in the Kidneys * * * Paralysis * * * Diabetes, Gravel, Calculus * * *" "Anemia * * * Chlorosis * * * Sarsaparillian Resolvent is a sure cure * * *," were false and fraudulent in that the same were applied to said article knowingly and in disregard of their truth or falsity so as to represent falsely and fraudulently to the purchasers thereof, and create in the minds of purchasers thereof the impression and belief, that it was in whole or in part composed of, or contained, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, for resolving and melting away hard substances, such as biliary or calculous concretions, in the joints, gall-duct, kidneys and bladder, and effective as a cure for cancers, all varieties of skin diseases, salt rheum, herpes, ring-worm, tetters, sycosis, leucorrhea, falling of the womb, all uterine difficulties, tubercles in the kidneys, paralysis, diabetes, gravel, and calculus, and as a sure cure for anemia and chlorosis; when, in truth and in fact, said article was not in whole or in part composed of, and did not contain, ingredients

or medicinal agents effective, among other things, for resolving or melting away hard substances, such as biliary or calculous concretions in the joints, gall-duct, kidneys, or bladder, or effective as a cure for cancers, all varieties of skin diseases, salt rheum, herpes, ring-worm, tetter, sycosis, leucorrhea, falling of the womb, all uterine difficulties, tubercles in the kidneys, paralysis, diabetes, gravel or calculus, or as a sure cure for anemia, or chlorosis.

On July 27, 1915, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

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